

# Environmental Report

## April 2021

### Environmental Manager Teresa Sidwell

**New Environmental Officer** – We welcome Officer Kelsey Spry, who joined our team at the end of April. She brings with her good work experience and education. She is active in the community and is excited about the opportunity to make Benton County beautiful. Judge Moehring (right) and Judge Horwart (left) swore her in as a commissioned Environmental Law Enforcement Officer and Deputy for Benton County.



#### EARTH DAY APRIL 22

The Benton County Solid Waste District and the Environmental Division hosted the first annual “Benton County Disappearing Litter Challenge” that started on Earth Day April 22 and continues through May 22.

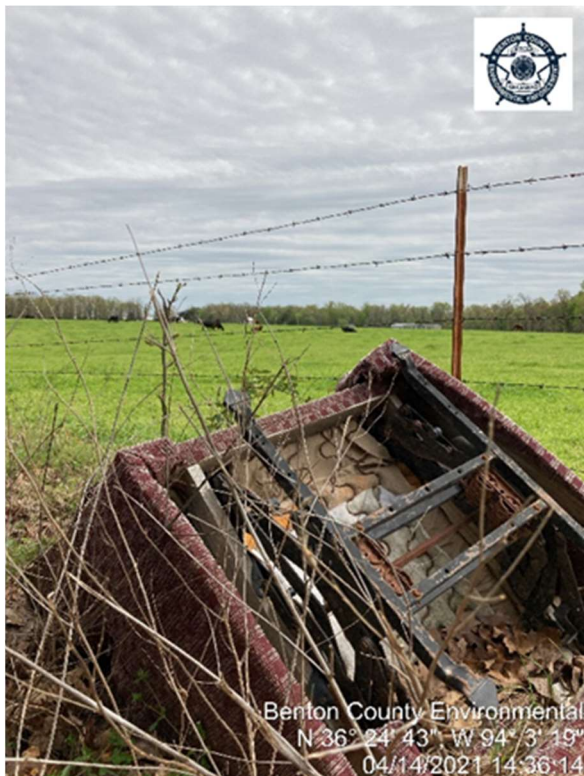
**Staff Training** – Officer Filbeck and I practiced at the gun range in April.

**Environmental Division Services and Programs** – In addition to environmental law enforcement, our division proudly provides the following to our community.

- Cleanup of illegal roadside dumps
- Installation of “No Dumping/No Littering” signs
- Installation of surveillance cameras
- Extra patrols in areas of frequent dumping
- The Adopt a Road litter cleanup program
- The Environmental Education program for children and adults
- The Benton County Green Team
- The Rain Garden stormwater outdoor classroom
- Waste Not - Want Not recycling program for county employee
- Solid Waste Drop Off sites (provided by the Solid Waste District, the County and the Cities of Benton County)



**Roadside Cleanups in April** –We cleaned up roadside dumps at six locations in Garfield, Lowell, Avoca and Sulphur Springs. With the assistance of a Sheriff's inmate crew we removed 30 tires and litter from one site and 12 tires, metal fencing and other assorted household items from a deep ravine (pictured bottom right). In addition, we removed 4 mattresses, a large box of clothing, 15 bags of leaves, 2 separate piles of construction waste, and a stuffed living room chair.



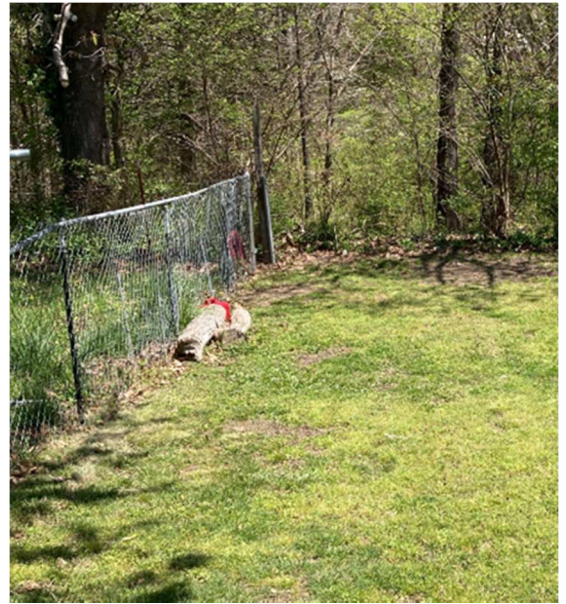
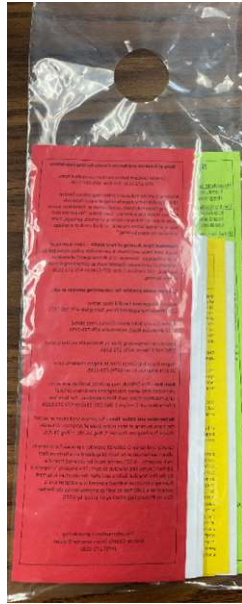
**Convenience Center Program** – This program is a collaborative effort between Benton County, the Cities and the Benton County Solid Waste District to provide recycling and safe disposal of large bulky household items including furniture, electronics, tires, scrap metal, appliances, and a variety of household hazardous waste including chemicals, batteries and fluorescent bulbs. Limited amounts of items are taken free of charge or for a low cost from local household residents.

WASTE COLLECTED								
CENTERTON	LOADS	NON-REFRIGERATED	REFRIGERATED	ELECTRONICS	METAL	FURNITURE/OVERSIZED	HHW	TIRES
January	669	52	52	211	383	492	67	
February	367	34	14	131	290	315	33	
March	926	62	58	304	746	759	118	
April	855	43	43	226	739	710	123	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>407</b>	
ROGERS	LOADS	NON-REFRIGERATED	REFRIGERATED	ELECTRONICS	METAL	FURNITURE/OVERSIZED	HHW	TIRES
January	425	20	11	103	645	352	94	
February	210	1	11	56	262	214	32	
March	343	11	9	67	296	363	55	
April	328	11	15	110	441	336	54	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>282</b>	
SILOAM SPRINGS	LOADS	NON-REFRIGERATED	REFRIGERATED	ELECTRONICS	METAL	FURNITURE/OVERSIZED	HHW	TIRES
January	53	0	9	42	51	16	18	
February	50	2	0	48	25	27	17	
March	61	4	3	42	47	24	15	
April	61	0	1	36	33	27	24	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>88</b>	

BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL										
	HAULS	TONS	COST	HAULS	TONS	COST	HAULS	TONS	COST	TOTAL
	CENTERTON	CENTERTON	CENTERTON	ROGERS	ROGERS	ROGERS	SILOAM	SILOAM	SILOAM	COST
JAN	9	17.38	\$2,225.68	5	15.05	\$1,473.00	0	-	\$104.32	\$3,803.00
FEB	10	24.67	\$2,753.10	9	21.08	\$2,444.62	0	-	\$106.94	\$5,304.66
MAR	19	36.40	\$4,737.49	18	42.98	\$4,633.66	1	1.90	\$474.52	\$9,845.67
APR	23	44.92	\$5,777.24	15	29.65	\$3,840.56	1	1.92	\$474.52	\$10,092.32
YTD	61	123.37	\$15,493.51	47	108.76	\$12,391.84	2	3.82	\$1,160.30	\$29,520.17



**Environmental Enforcement** – In April we received 30 new reports of illegal dumping. We investigate citizen reports of environmental violations on properties located outside city limits and educate property owners about proper waste disposal, reserving citations as a last resort. This illegal burn site (left) was cleaned up quickly (far right) by simply hanging an informational packet (center) about proper waste disposal on the door knob.



**Nuisance Case** – Tires (pictured below) on Mulberry Lane in the Monte Ne area were removed with the assistance of an inmate crew. Recently someone dumped a couple hundred tires at the site of a deteriorating mobile home. We had planned to hire a contractor to remove it within weeks when we found the mobile home mostly burned. After speaking with a neighbor, we were able to make contact with a new property owner. He stated that he didn't know that he could not burn it until he was told by the local fire department to cease burning the mobile home waste. He plans to legally remove the rest of the waste at the site before our follow up visit in 30 days.



**ENVIRONMENTAL CASE DATA** Refer to the charts for environmental cases received and actions initiated in April.

VIOLATION TYPE	QTY
Burn (appliances)	0
Burn (auto bodies & parts)	0
Burn (construction debris)	0
Burn (electronics)	0
Burn (furniture)	0
Burn (general waste)	0
Burn (household garbage)	3
Burn (mobile home)	0
Burn (tires)	0
Bury (auto bodies & parts)	0
Bury (construction debris)	0
Bury (electronics)	0
Bury (furniture)	0
Bury (general waste)	0
Bury (household garbage)	0
Bury (mobile home)	0
Bury (trees)	0
Dumped by others (appliances)	0
Dumped by others (auto bodies & parts)	0
Dumped by others (construction debris)	2
Dumped by others (electronics)	0
Dumped by others (furniture)	3
Dumped by others (general waste)	1
Dumped by others (household garbage)	1
Dumped by others (metal)	0
Dumped by others (mobile home)	0
Dumped by others (tires)	1
Dumped by others (trees)	0
Dumped by self (appliances)	3
Dumped by self (auto bodies & parts)	5
Dumped by self (construction debris)	3
Dumped by self (electronics)	4
Dumped by self (furniture)	4
Dumped by self (general waste)	6
Dumped by self (household garbage)	7
Dumped by self (metal)	0
Dumped by self (mobile home)	1
Dumped by self (tires)	6
Dumped by self (trees)	0
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Agency Assist	2
Camera	1
Extra Patrol	0
Littering	1
Sign installation	0
Stagnant Water	0

ACTIONS TAKEN THIS MONTH	QTY
NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS ISSUED	0
WARNINGS ISSUED	0
CITATIONS ISSUED	0
WARRANTS ISSUED	0
COURT APPEARANCES	0
<b>CASE STATUS</b>	<b>QTY</b>
CASES OPENED THIS MONTH	30
NUMBER OF CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION	61
NUMBER OF CASES IN COURT SYSTEM	20
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES OPENED YTD	163

**What does the Environmental Division Investigate?**

Environmental Officers are limited to enforcement of solid waste violations in unincorporated Benton County and do not regulate inside any city limits.

We DO NOT investigate septic issues, structure fires, agricultural waste, dead animals such as pets or wild animals, or the illegal disposal of hazardous material.

Our Division responds to violations of solid waste regulations that may include;

1. Construction or operation of a solid waste disposal facility or disposal site.
2. Dumping of solid waste upon property owned by another person.
3. Dumping of solid waste on the side of public roads or public property.
4. Solid waste on one's own property that can potentially create a public nuisance or health hazard.
5. Dumping of solid waste into a waterway.
6. Burning of solid waste.
7. Burying of solid waste.

